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(57) Abstract

The invention relates to a method and an arrangement for the automatic data acquisition of paper-based information, whereby an unknown form (10) that is scanned into a computer is transformed into line elements (14, 15) for quicker identification. The identification of known forms (10) is also simplified by means of the line elements (14, 15).

